Invest in Your Community

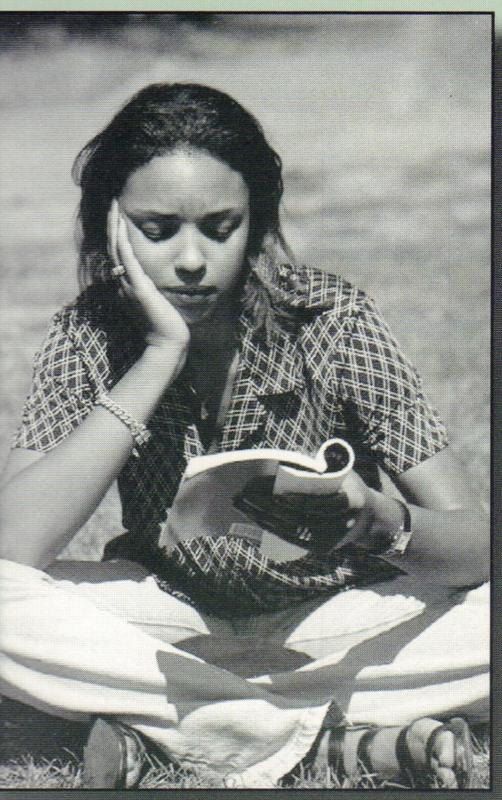
Teach an Adult how to Read

Project Literacy U.S.

The Challenge

One out of four adults in the United States struggles with low literacy skills every day. These people are your neighbors, friends, and family members who cannot read a medicine label, complete a job application, or help their children with homework.

When millions of adults lack the ability to perform these basic tasks, we all feel the impact: decreased productivity, increased health care costs, higher incidences of welfare dependency, and increased pressure on schools when children come to class ill-prepared for learning.



Federal studies estimate that at least 23 million (30 thousand in Tuscaloosa County) adult Americans are functionally illiterate with skills at a fourth grade level or below. There are an additional 35 million who are semi-illiterate with skills below the eighth grade level. And the numbers are growing.

To help America fight illiteracy, PLUS Tuscaloosa joined PROJECT LITERACY U.S., ABC and PBS in an unprecedented national collaboration.

The Solution

PLUS Tuscaloosa is a community wide effort using trained volunteers to teach adults to read. The program is administered and coordinated by the Shelton State Community College Adult Education Program and is funded by the Department of Post Secondary Education and by contributions from community organizations, churches, businesses and individuals.

PLUS Tuscaloosa has three goals:

- **To raise awareness of the problem of adult functional illiteracy,**
- **To recruit and train volunteer reading tutors**
- **To encourage participation of those who need assistance with reading.**

Join us as a volunteer tutor!

You'll change a mind - and a life - forever!

Shelton State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA, 404-679-4500, to award the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and the Associate in Applied Science Degrees.

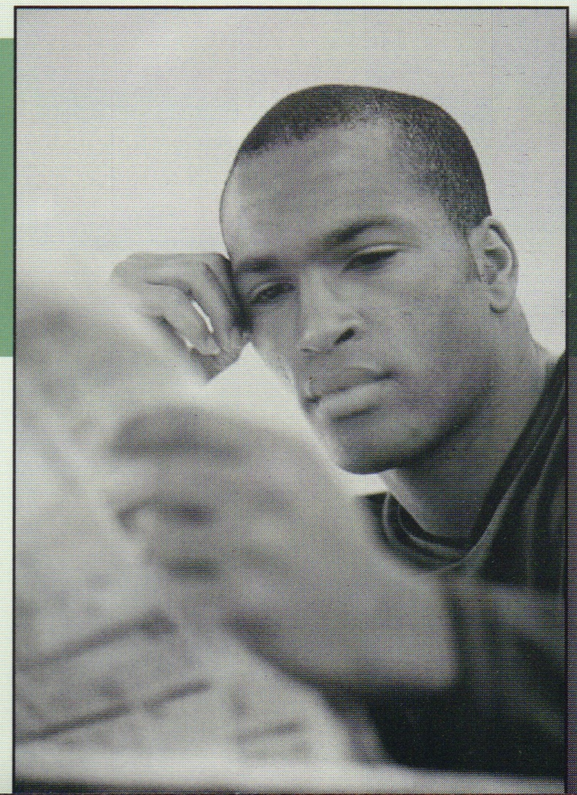
It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary institutions under the control of the State Board of Education, that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or shall be subject to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment.

Who Can Become A Tutor?

Any interested adult who can:
read and write English well, commit three hours a week to a student, relate with sensitivity and compassion to another adult, demonstrate patience and perseverance.

If you think you're not qualified to teach someone to read, think again.
You just passed the test!

You do not have to be a teacher to volunteer. PLUS Tuscaloosa will provide a comprehensive tutor training course, appropriate instructional materials and ongoing support to make your tutoring experience a positive one. After the completion of the training, you will be assigned a student to meet with twice a week at a mutually convenient time and place.



If you would like to volunteer to help someone learn to read or if you know someone who needs reading help, call PLUS Tuscaloosa 205/391-2671

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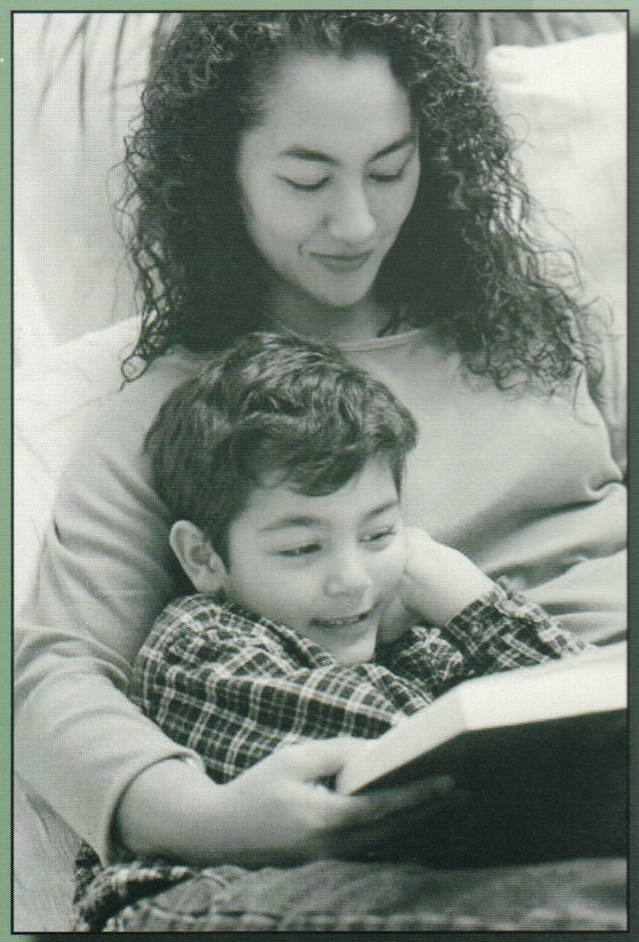

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